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1. The following units are quartered at the "Dolna Kasarma" (Lower Barracks), in Yambol:

- a. An antiaircraft unit
- b. A tank battalion,
- c. An antitank unit,
- d. A Drivers' School
- e. A Gunnery School,

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2. The tank battalion is equipped as follows:

- a. Approximately twenty-four 45 mm. M-1942 antitank guns; and
- b. Approximately twenty-four trucks with triple-axle, 6-wheel Styer traction, used to tow guns.

3. The Drivers' School in Yambol was organized in November 1952.

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The students at this school are new recruits from various units in Yambol, Stara Zagora, Nova Zagora, Khaskovo, and Sliven. The students receive their basic military training, as well as instruction on the theory of internal combustion engines at this school. They also received classroom instruction in driving. No vehicles are available at the school for training purposes although some were allegedly to be sent to the school from Sliven, where a drivers' school was in operation in 1951.

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4. The Gunnery School in Yambol conducts a 6-month course on the use of the 12.7 mm. DshK (Degtyarev-Shpagin) M-1938 antiaircraft heavy machine gun, a dual purpose gun. This school offers instruction in no other weapons. Approximately 10 soldiers are now attending the school and they will receive the rank of sergeant upon completion of their training course. The instructors at the school are officers from various units of the division stationed in Sliven. One officer and one warrant officer [redacted] are instructors at this school. 25X1
5. A reconnaissance ("Razuznavachi") unit consisting of three or four officers and approximately 20 enlisted men, was quartered at the "Dolna Kasarma" until November 1952, when it was transferred to the "Gorna Kasarma" (Upper Barracks). The quarters formerly occupied by this unit are now occupied by the Drivers' School. This unit is allegedly to be transferred back to the "Dolna Kasarma" in July 1953.
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